

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

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(When Filled In)

NPIC REGISTRY

FILE INFO

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CITE NPIC 1340  
THIS IS A DIADC 2 MESSAGE. SUBJ: CLASSIFICATION OF BACKFIRE BOMBER.

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REF: [ ] CABLE 221550Z IN RESPONSE TO THE ABOVE  
REFERENCED CABLE NPIC HAS PROVIDED THIS OFFICE WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: I

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1. THE BACKFIRE (KAZ-A) WAS CALLED A MEDIUM BOMBER BASED ON ITS SIZE AND ON ITS GENERALLY ACCEPTED ESTIMATED WEIGHT, RANGE AND PAYLOAD CAPABILITIES.
2. YOUR ATTENTION IS INVITED TO THE FOLLOWING OFFICIAL DOCUMENTATION BY THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY DESCRIBING THE BACKFIRE (KAZ-A) AS A MEDIUM BOMBER:

A. AIRFORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND. FTD 61-0133-00,

[ ] AEROSPACE WEAPONS AND WEAPONS SYSTEMS, USSR: KAZ A, SEPTEMBER 1969 (TOP SECRET RUFF)

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B. DIA. SAO/ST-SP7 17-4-69, [ ] TRENDS AND DEVELOPMENTS, VOL , NO 39, 15 SEPTEMBER 1969 (TOP SECRET RUFF)

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